

System and Methodology for Protecting New Computers by Applying a Preconfigured Security Update Policy

Abstract

A system and methodology for protecting new computers by applying a preconfigured security update policy is described. In one embodiment, for example, a method is described for controlling connections to a computer upon its initial deployment, the method comprises steps of: upon initial deployment of the computer, applying a preconfigured security policy that establishes a restricted zone of preapproved hosts that the computer may connect to upon its initial deployment; receiving a request for a connection from the computer to a particular host; based on the preconfigured security policy, determining whether the particular host is within the restricted zone of preapproved hosts; and blocking the connection if the particular host is not within the restricted zone of preapproved hosts.